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A ſhort Account of all the moſt conſiderable News, *Foreign* and *Domeſtic*.

Edinburgh, Tueſday September 24, 1723.

From the Evening Poſt, Sept. 19.

This Day arrived a Mail from France.

Liſbon, Sept. 4.

A PORTUGUESE Man of War of 40 Guns, which has been cruiſing upon our Coaſt againſt the Moors, returned the firſt Inſtant. They ſaw ſeveral Algierines during their Cruize, and gave them Chace: They held one in ſight four Days ſucceſſively off Cape St. Vincent, but were prevented by the Calms from coming up with him. Theſe Rovers have taken ſeveral Dutch Traders, one Portugueſe and one Venetian: And by a Letter from Tetuan, there is Advice, that a Cruizer is put to Sea from Lerache, carrying 36 Guns and 200 Men, which will probably do further Miſchief to the Trade.

Paris, Sept. 25. The King goes on with taking daily the Diverſion of Hunting, that Exerciſe agrees ſo well with his Majeſty that he grows very robuſt with it.

Laſt Week the Treaſure of the Grand Prior, was robb'd of 4000 Livres, great Inquiry was made for ſeveral Days, but nothing diſcovered, at laſt the Bailiff of the Temple ſuſpecting a certain Valet de Chambre, who he knew frequented that Houſe, took him up, and ſo terrified him, by telling him he had undeniable Proofs of his being guilty of that Fact, promiſing at the ſame Time, that if he made an ingenuous Confeſſion, he ſhould be pardoned: That the Priſoner told him the whole Truth, and directed him to the Place where he had conceal'd the Money, which was accordingly all found, except four Louis D'ors he had ſpent, upon this the Criminal was brought to his Tryal before the ſaid Bailiff, who ſentenced him to be tranſported to Miſſiſippi: The Treaſurer who is ſo well pleaſed with having recovered his Money by the prudent Management of the Bailiff, does not find Fault with the Lenity of the Sentence. On the other Hand the Criminal, who expected to be uſed with greater Severity, is very thankful, ſo that the Judge has had the good Fortune to pleaſe both Parties.

For

For the Benefit of the Publick.

Anno Nono GEORGII REGIS,

An Act to oblige all Persons being Papists, in that Part of Great Britain *called* SCOTLAND, *and all Persons in* Great Britin *refusing or neglecting to take the Oaths appointed for the Security of his Majesty's Person and Government, by several Acts herein mention'd, to register their Names and real Estates.*

WHEREAS since his Majesty's happy Accession to the Crown of these Realms, divers Rebellions, Insurections, and Traiterous Conspiracies have been entered into, and carried on, for the Destruction of his Majesty's most sacred Person and Government, the overturning our religious and Civil Rights, and for placing a Popish Pretender on the Throne: And whereas the Papists, and other Persons, refusing to take the Oaths appointed by Law to be taken to his Majesty, have enjoy'd, and do still enjoy the Protection and Benefit of the Government, as well as the rest of his Majesty's Subjects; yet have been notoriously concern'd in Contriving, stirring up and Suporting the said Rebellions, Insurrections and Conspiracies, by which it most manifestly appears, that they take themselves to be obliged, by the Principles they profess to be Enemies to his Majesty's and the present happy Establishment; and for as much as it is highly reasonable, that the Government should be throughly acquainted with, and apprized of their Numbers, Names and Real Estates of such disaffected Persons, as aforesaid, in order more effectually to prevent, disappoint, or punish the like traiterous Attempts for the future, in such Manner, as by the Wisdom of Parliament shall hereafter be thought proper: Be it therefore enacted by the King's most excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That all and every Person and Persons whatever, inhabiting in that Part of *Great Britain*, called *England*, *Wales*, Town of *Berwick* upon *Tweed*, who shall be at the Age of Eighteen, or upwards, not having already taken the Oaths appointed to be taken in and by an Act made in the First Year of his Majesty's Reign, [intituled, *An Act for the further Security of his Majesty's Person and Government, and the Succession of the Crown in the Heirs of the late Princess* Sophia *being Protestants, and for extinguishing the Hopes of the pretended Prince of* Wales, *and his open and secret Abettors*] and who shall neglect or refuse to take the said Oaths on before the Twenty fifth Day of *December*, One thousand seven hundred and twenty three, in any of his Majesty's Courts of Record at *Westminster*, or at the General and Quarter-sessions for the County, City, Town, Liberty or Division, where such Person or Persons shall live or inhabit, all and every such Person or Persons, who shall neglect or refuse to take the said Oaths by the Time aforesaid, shall, on or before the Twenty fifth Day of *March*, One thousand seven hundred and twenty four, Register, or cause to be registred, their Respective Names and Real Estates, in such and the same Manner and Form, as Papists were obliged and directed to Register their Names and Real Estates in and by an Act passed in the First Year of his Majesty's Reign (Intituled *An Act to oblige Papists to Register their Names and Real Estates*;) and also by another Act made and passed in the Third Year of his said Majesty's Reign (Intituled, *An Act for explaining an Act passed in the last Session of Parliament*, Intituled, *An Act to oblige Papists to Register their Names and Real Estates, and for enlarging the Time for such Registring, and for securing Purchases made to Protestants*) and respective Officers, appointed by the said last mentioned Acts, passed in the First and Third Years of his Majesty's Reign, appointed and directed to take and receive the Registers of the Names and Real Estates of such Papists, are hereby authorized and required to take and receive the Registers of the Names and Real Estates, which are by Virtue of this Act appointed to be registred, in such and the same Manner and Form, as by the said last mentioned Acts are prescribed in relation to Papists; and shall sign and return true Copies of the same into his Majesty's Court of Exchequer at *Westminster*, on or before the Twenty ninth Day of *September*, One thousand seven hundred and twenty four.

And it is hereby further enacted, That every Article, Clause, and Thing, in the said last mentioned Acts contained, relating to the Registring the Names and Real Estates of Papists, or to the receiving or taking the said Registers, and the examining upon Oath, or otherwise, into the Truth and Reality of the same, shall extend and be construed to extend to all and every the Registers required and directed to be made and received, by and in pursuance of this Act, in as full and ample Manner, as if the same were herein again particularly recited and enacted.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That all and every Papist, or reputed Papist or other Person or Persons, professing the Popish Religion, and all and every Person or Persons whatsoever, inhabiting in that Part of *Great Britain*, called SCOTLAND, who shall be at the Age of Eighteen Years or upwards, not having already taken and subscribed the Oath of Allegiance, subscribed the Assurace, and taken and signed the Oath of Abjuration as directed to be taken and subscribed by such Persons, who bear any Office under his Majesty, by the aforesaid Act, made in the First Year of his Majesty's Reign (Intituled, *An Act for the further Security of his Majesty's Person and Government, and the Succession of the Crown in the Heirs of the Princess* Sophia *being Protestants, and for extinguishing the Hopes of the pretended Prince of* Wales, *and his open and secret Abettors* ;) and who shall neglect or refuse to take and subscribe the said Oaths, and subscribe the said Assurance on or before the Twenty fifth Day of *March*, One thousand seven hundred and twenty four, before and in the Court of the Lords of Session, or the Court of Justiciary, or the Court of Exchequer in SCOTLAND, or before the Justices of the Peace at the Quarter-sessions held for the County, Shire, Stewartry, City, Burgh, Town, or Liberty, where such Person or Persons shall live or inhabit, or before Sheriffs or Stewarts, or their Deputies, in open Court held for such Shire, Stewartry, City, or Borough respectively, where such Person or Persons, shall live or inhabit, as aforesaid, every such Papist, reputed Papist, or Person professing the Popish Religion, and all and every such other Person or Persons, who shall refuse or neglect to take and subscribe the said Oaths, and subscribe the said Assurance by the Time aforesaid; shall on or before the Twenty fourth Day of *June*, One thousand seven hundred and twenty four, Register or cause to be registered, their Names and Real Estates in the Sheriff's Court, of such Shire or County wherein their Estates do respectively lie, in the

same

ſame Manner and Form, as Papiſts in that Part of *Great Britain* called *England*, were obliged and directed to Regiſter their Names and Real Eſtates in, and by an Act paſſed in the Firſt Year of his Majeſty's Reign (Intituled, *An Act to oblige Papiſts to Regiſter their Names and Real Eſtates*) and alſo by another Act paſſed the Third Year of his Majeſty's Reign (Intituled, *An Act for explaining an Act paſſed laſt Seſſion of Parliament*, Intituled, *An Act to oblige Papiſts to Regiſter their Names and Real Eſtates, and for enlarging the Time for ſuch Regiſtring, and for ſecuring Purchaſes made by Proteſtants*;) and the ſaid reſpective Sheriffs, or Sheriffs Deputes, are hereby directed and required to take and receive ſuch Regiſtrations, as are hereby required to be made, and keep ſuch Books, and make ſuch Entries, as the Clerks of the Peace of the ſeveral Counties within that Part of *Great Britain* called *England*, are, by Virtue of the aforeſaid Act of the Firſt of his Majeſty's Reign, (Intituled, *An Act to oblige Papiſts to Regiſter their Names and Real Eſtates*) directed and required to keep and make; and ſhall ſign and return true Copies of ſuch Regiſtrations into his Majeſty's Court of Exchequer in SCOTLAND, on or before the Twenty fourth Day of *December*, One thouſand ſeven hundred and twenty four.

And be it further enacted, by the Authority aforeſaid, That every Article, Clauſe and Thing, in the ſaid laſt mentioned Act contained, relating to the receiving, taking, and entring the Regiſters of the Names and real Eſtates of Papiſts, and the examining upon Oath, or otherwiſe, into the Truth and Reality of the ſame, ſhall extend and be conſtrued to extend to all and every the Regiſtrations required and directed to be made and received in that Part of *Great Britain* called *Scotland*, by and in Purſuance of this Act; and to give the ſame Powers, Authority and Directions to the ſaid Sheriffs, or Sheriff-Deputes, reſpectively, as by the ſaid laſt mention'd Act, are or were given to the Juſtices of the Peace, in their open Quarter-Seſſions, and Clerks of the Peace to the ſeveral Counties in that Part of *Great Britain* called *England*, in as full and ample Manner, as if the ſame were herein again particularly recited and enacted.

And be it further enacted, that in caſe any Perſon or Perſons, who is or are hereby directed and required to take and ſubſcribe the Oaths and Aſſurance reſpectively as aforeſaid, or for Want thereof, to regiſter his, her or their Names and real Eſtates, ſhall not take and ſubſcribe ſuch Oaths and Aſſurance reſpectively, or regiſter, or cauſe to be regiſtred, their Names and Real Eſtates in ſuch Manner, as in this Act before is directed, within the reſpective Time herein before limited and appointed for the doing thereof; then and in every ſuch Caſe, the Perſon or Perſons neglecting or refuſing to take and ſubſcribe ſuch Oaths and Aſſurance reſpectively, or for want thereof, to make ſuch Regiſtracy, as aforeſaid, ſhall forfeit the Fee-Simple and Inheritance of, or ſuch Eſtate and Intereſt in all ſuch Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments not regiſtred, whereof he, ſhe or they, or any Perſon or Perſons in Truſt for him, her or them, was or were ſeized in Fee-Simple, or otherwiſe intereſted in at the Time of ſuch Default, as aforeſaid; Two third Parts thereof to the King, and the other Third Part thereof to ſuch Perſon or Perſons, being a Proteſtant or Proteſtants, who ſhall ſue for ſuch forfeited Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, as ſhall lie in *England*, the Dominions of *Wales*, or Town of *Berwick* upon *Tweed*, in any ſuch Court, and by ſuch Ways and Means, as are directed by the ſaid recited Act to oblige Papiſts to regiſter their Names and Real Eſtates; and ſhall ſue in his Majeſty's Court of Exchequer in SCOTLAND, for ſuch forfeited Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, as ſhall lie in that Part of *Great Britain*, called SCOTLAND.

Provided always, That nothing in this Act contained ſhall extend, or be conſtrued to extend, to any Perſon or Perſons, now beyond Seas, who by Virtue of this Act ought to take and ſubſcribe the ſaid Oaths and Aſſurance reſpectively, or make ſuch Regiſtry, as aforeſaid, ſo as ſuch Perſon or Perſons do, within Six Months after his, her, or their Return into *Great Britain*, take or ſubſcribe the ſaid Oaths and Aſſurance reſpectively, or make ſuch Regiſtry, as aforeſaid, according to the Appointment of this Act.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That if any Perſon or Perſons, being Proteſtants, in that Part of *Great Britain*, called SCOTLAND, hath or have taken and ſubſcribed, or ſhall within the reſpective Times by this Act limited, take and ſubſcribe the Oath appointed to be taken by Miniſters and Preachers in SCOTLAND, by an Act of the Fifth Year of his Majeſty's Reign, (Intituled, *An Act for making more effectual the Laws appointing the Oaths for Security of the Government, to be taken by Miniſters and Preachers in Churches and Meeting-Houſes in* SCOTLAND) inſtead and in lieu of the Abjuration Oath, ſuch Perſon or Perſons ſhall be deemed and taken to have compli ed with the true Intent and Meaning of this Act, in as full and ample Manner, as if ſuch Perſon had taken the ſaid Oath of Abjuration, and ſhall not incurre any of the Penalties or Forfeitures inflicted by this Act, or be obliged to Regiſter his, her or their Names or Real Eſtates; Any thing herein contained to the contrary notwithſtanding.

And for the better Diſcovety of Papiſts and reputed Papiſts in that Part of *Great Britain*, called SCOTLAND, Be it further enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That all Papiſts, reputed Papiſts, and Perſons profeſſing the Popiſh Religion in SCOTLAND, as aforeſaid, ſhall at the Time of taking and ſubſcribing the Oaths of Allegiance and Abjuration, and repeating and ſubſcribing the Aſſurance, as is herein before directed and required, make and ſubſcribe the Declaration called the *Formula*; as the ſame is recited in an Act of Parliament of SCOTLAND, paſſed in the Year, One thouſand ſeven hundred, (Intituled *An Act for preventing the Growth of Popery*;) and in caſe ſuch Papiſts, or reputed Papiſts, ſhall neglect or refuſe to take and ſubſcribe the ſaid *Formula*, at ſuch Time or Times as are herein before directed, ſuch Papiſt, or reputed Papiſt, ſhall be obliged to to Regiſter, or cauſe to be Regiſtred, his, her, or their Names and Real Eſtates, in Manner and Form, as is herein before directed, or for want thereof, ſhall be liable to, and incurre the like Penalties and Forfeitures, as are by this Act inflicted and enacted againſt ſuch Perſons as ſhall neglect or refuſe to take the ſeveral Oaths appointed by this Act to be taken, or in caſe of ſuch Refuſal, ſhall neglect to make, or cauſe to be made, ſuch Regiſter, as aforeſaid: Any thing herein contained to the Contrary notwithſtanding.

And be it enacted, that for taking and ſubſcribing the Oaths and Aſſurance appointed by this Act, Three Pence ſhall be paid, and no more; and for any Certificate thereof, if required, One Shilling, and no more.

FINIS.

From

From the Flying Poſt, Sept. 19.

Rome, Sept. 4. The Princeſs Borgheſe has been ſhrewdly ſuſpected for a Whig, becauſe t'other Day ſhe met the Pretender's Lady riding in her Coach in a narrow Street, and was ſo unmannerly as not to ſtop her Coach to make way: But the Prince her Husband has been at the Pretender's Court, to ask Pardon for his Wife's Rudeneſs and remove the Suſpicion.

Oxon. Sept. 10. Whereas there was a Paragraph lately inſerted in ſome of the News-papers, relating to a Reward offered for diſcovering the Author of a certain Libel, ſaid to be publiſhed in this Univerſity, containing very groſs and virulent Reflections upon his Majeſty's Perſon and Royal Family, and ſeveral of the Heads of Colleges, remarkably zealous for the preſent Government: This is to acquaint the World, that it was entirely new to the Univerſity; and that there was never any ſuch Libel publiſhed or thought of, nor any Reward of that Nature ever heard of in this Place; and that thoſe worthy Perſons who have been preferr'd here by his Majeſty's Favour, are ſo far from incurring the ill Opinion of any Body, or giving any Occaſion for the publiſhing of ſuch a Libel, that they entirely act in Concert and Harmony with the Generality of this Univerſity, and have made it their public declar'd Reſolution (notwithſtanding the trifling Party-differences, to give no Cauſe of Suſpicion or Jealouſy to the Majority, and, like good Men, are reſolved to promote to the outmoſt the Eaſe and Quiet, and preſent Uniformity ſo remarkable amongſt us, and to preſerve inviolable the ſacred Privileges of this ancient and venerable Body.

Your Servant.

Britannicus.

London, Sept. 19. There's Advice from Antegoa, by the Way of Barbadoes, That the Feverſham Man of War has taken 8 Pyrates on the Iſland of Tobago, and carried them to Antegoa, to be tried by a Court of Admiralty.

From the Whitehall Evening Poſt, Sept. 19.

Turin, Sept. 15. The 8th Inſtant being the Anniverſary of the Victory at the raiſing of the Siege of this City, all the Religious Orders went in Proceſſion to the Cathedral-church, where *Te Deum* was ſung, the Cannon of the Town and Caſtle firing twice. His Sardinian Majeſty and the Prince, who uſed to follow the Proceſſion in their Regal Veſtments, attended by the Knights of the Annunciada in their Habits, did not this Year perform that Ceremony, becauſe of Madam Royal's preſent Illneſs, which 'tis judged ſhe cannot get over. The Prince of Piedmont is gone to the Venerea to meet the Queen; but the King does not ſtir from his Mother, whom he continually feeds with his own Hand.

London, Sept 19. On Tueſday-morning, one Fiſher was found hang'd in his own Cellar in Gray's Inn-lane.

The ſame Evening, a Man living in Water-lane, having been drinking Drams, fell down dead.

There's a Rumour ſpread abroad, That the King of Spain has offered one Million and an half *Sterl.* to the S. S. Company, on Condition they deſiſt from trading to the South Sea.

Laſt Tueſday-night Sir John Mordaunt, Kt. was interred at Iſlington Church: He died in a very advanced Age, and had in his younger Years commanded againſt the Moors with diſtinguiſhing Reputation.

'Tis ſaid, That in pulling down the Gate next Kingſtreet, Weſtminſter, there was found ſome Days ſince a Braſs Plate, deſcribing the Date of the Year in which the ſame was built, *viz. Anno Dom.* 802, which is 921 Years ago.

From the St. James's Evening Poſt, September 19.

P. S. Paris, September 25. An Account of the late Robbery and Murder near Calais having been ſent to the King at Verſailles, his Majeſty has iſſued a ſtrict Or-

Order to the Archers and other Officers, to uſe their utmoſt Endeavours for diſcovering the Villains, in order to their being brought to Juſtice.

Advices from Rome import, That the Pope has for ſome Days paſt been indiſpos'd, and that the Pretender had made divers Viſits to him of late, which gave Ground to believe his Occaſions requir'd ſome farther Aſſiſtance from his Holineſs.

From Bruſſels we hear, That the Actions of the India Company remain'd at 8 per Cent. and that the new Veſſels building for the ſaid Company, would be ready for launching about the latter End of October next, in order to proceed for the Eaſt Indies.

London, Sept. 19. On Tueſday Night laſt Sir Thomas Seabright's Gentleman ſaw the Bodies of his Maſter's unfortunate Brother, and Mr. Davis, nail'd up at Exeter Exchange, to be carried into the Country; and yeſterday Morning they were carried in two Hearſes, to be interr'd in the Vault of Sir Thomas's Anceſtors in Hertfordſhire. Mr. Davis being an intimate in Life, and ſharer in Death, with Mr. Seabright, is to lie by him.

Wye's Letter verbatim, London, Sept. 19.

BY the Mail which arriv'd yeſterday from Flanders, we have Letters from Petersburg adviſing, That the Czar, (at whoſe Court ſome Perſians from the young Sophi are arriv'd) intends to put his Marine Forces upon another Foot, almoſt like that practiſed in Denmark, which is to divide the Sailors with their Officers into diſtinct Companies, *&c.* To build Barracks for them near the Admiralty, to have them always at Hand, whenever he thinks fit to arm out his Fleet.

The Accounts from Georgia in Perſia aſſure, that the Turkiſh Troops on the Frontiers give great Umbrage to the Muſcovites, particularly the Correſpondency which the Ottoman Commanders continue with Meriweys; and that ſome of them have been perſonally in his Army, from whence 'tis apprehended, that notwithſtanding the Grand Seignior ſhews no Diſpoſition to War againſt the Czar, yet he may nevertheleſs ſend his Troops as Auxiliaries to Meriweys, whoſe Troops are poſted at the Avenues, to hinder the Approach of the Muſcovites; and the Turks having got Poſſeſſion of Georgia, the Czar's deſign of diſcovering the rich Golden Mines of that Country, will very likely be defeated; and he obliged to quite his new Conqueſts; but before this be done, we may expect to hear a bloody Work, for its agreed by all Hands, that his Czariſh Majeſty is abſolutely bent upon mantaining his new Poſſeſſions, ſo that a War between the Turks and the Czar is unavoidable, which will not be very diſagreeable to ſome of the European Princes. Mean While, the Czar is concerting ſuch Meaſures, as will ſhow he has ſome Deſigns to execute at home.

Letters from Copenhagen among other Things remark, That the Captain of the Ruſſian Frigate now lying in that Harbour, having on the 12 Inſtant been invited by Mr. Vere (formerly Commiſſary for the Britiſh Fleet in the Baltick) to his Houſe, had the Boldneſs to drink the Pretender's Health to Mr. Vere; but the latter refuſed the ſame. They add, That the building of their new Men of War is carried on with the utmoſt Diligence.

We are informed from Stockholm, That the chief Repreſentatives of that Kingdom have under their Deliberation a certain Alliance, which has been treating theſe 6 Weeks paſt, ſhould now be brought to a Concluſion; but its the general Opinion, this important Affair will be debated and determined in a ſecret Committee.

There are Letters from Bruſſels of the 25th Inſtant adviſing, that the late Biſhop of Rocheſter has taken a Houſe in that City near the Hotel d' Orange, which was a Palace, and given by King William to Prince Vaudemont, for his late Services in the late Wars, that the ſaid Biſhop is viſited but by very few, the M. de Prie having ſignified to the Nobility and Inhabitants, that it was the Emperor's Pleaſure, that they ſhould forbear correſponding with him.

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'Tis hoped, that not only in this Caſe, but in that of redreſſing the Grievances of the Proteſtants, and in the Affair touching the Oſtend East India Company, his Imperial Majeſty will ſhew his Gratitude for paſt Services, and his Zeal for preſerving the Friendſhip of Great Britain.

The Refuſal of the States of Brabant to deliver up Mr. Knight, is ſaid to be of a different Nature.

Capt. Knight, Commander of the Duke of Chandois's Paſſage-yatcht, who left Calais laſt Tueſday at Noon, reports, That they were greatly incenſed at the Barbarity committed near that City, in the Murder of Mr. Seabright and the other Gentlemen mentioned in our Former; and that the Government had ſent out a great Number of Archers in queſt of the Murderers; but that none of them were apprehended when he came away.

There was this Day a great Sale of Arrack by the East India Company, which ſold at betwixt 14 & 16 Shillings *per* Gallon.

This Day the Court of Directors of the S. S. Company confirmed Capt. Davis Commander of their Ship of 800 Tuns, which is fitting out with all Expedition, and choſe 4 Supercargoes.

Laſt Monday the Duke of Dorſet held a Harbour-ſeſſion at Dover; at which, the Propoſal of Capt. Carey, for Ships of Burden to lie afloat with their Loading, was agreed to.

S. S. Stock, 111. The Half-year's Dividend from the Bank, is declared at 3 *per Cent.*

ADVERTISEMENT.

⁂ Theſe are to advertiſe all Perſons, that the *Michaelmaſs* Fair of *Gallaſhiels*, falling to be upon the Sabbath for this Year, is to hold upon the Tueſday next thereafter, being the firſt Day of *October* next. As alſo, that whenever the ſaid Fair ſhall at any Time hereafter, happen to fall upon Saturday, Sabbath or Monday, the ſame is to hold upon the Tueſday thereafter.

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